



# **Mayors Gang Prevention Task Force Resource Database**

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**POLICY TEAM UPDATE**  
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### Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force

Since taking office, Mayor Reed has invested in the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force (MGPTF) as a key tool to keeping our streets and children safe.

Established in 1991 by former Mayor Susan Hammer, the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force is a broad coalition made up of: local residents; city, county and state government leaders; school officials; community and faith-based organizations; and local law enforcement. The Task Force brings these diverse stakeholders together and leverages each group's expertise as part of a coordinated, interagency effort to curb gang-related activity in San Jose. Learn more about the [Task Force's structure and membership](#).

The Task Force's work is guided by a comprehensive [5-Year Strategic Workplan](#) and encompasses a continuum of prevention, intervention, suppression, and rehabilitation services. View some of the [programs and services](#).

The Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force has been recognized as a national model, and is one of six cities that were chosen to participate in the [National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention](#) that was established by President Obama in 2010.

#### Resources

- [City of San José's Youth Intervention Services](#)
- [Gang Hot Spot Areas Map](#)
- [San Jose Police Department Gang Prevention Resources](#)
- [County of Santa Clara Office of the District Attorney Brochures](#)
- [National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention](#)

**Upcoming Meetings**

**Policy Team**  
August 22, 2014 @ 7:45 a.m.  
Wing Rooms 118-120  
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**Community Engagement Subcommittee**  
August 28, 2014 @ 10:30 a.m.  
Mayor's Conference Room  
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## Our Solution

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# Our Process



**User Interviews and Research Informed  
Our Product Development**

# Goals



# Scope

| Organizations  | Target Audience  |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tech Team</li><li>• City and County Departments</li><li>• Re-entry Programs</li><li>• Faith Based Initiative</li></ul> | <p><b>Primary:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tech Team Members</li></ul> <p><b>Secondary:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Schools</li><li>• Juvenile Justice</li></ul> |

# Focus Group Feedback

## Audience

- Understand referral process and target audience

## Content

- Strong desire for an educational component to the tool
- Portal to other resources

## Search Design

- Added location based search
- Defined relevant keywords
- Need to print search results

## Data

- Desire for more information than was available at the time
- This meant collecting primary data from organizations

# Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force Resource Database

The Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force is a broad coalition made up of: local residents; city, county and state government leaders; school officials; community and faith-based organizations; and local law enforcement.

These services include gang intervention, parent and family support, re-entry assistance, job training, personal development and health services.

## Consult the Resource Database

### Find an organization

to help youth impacted by gang violence

**find programs for**

e.g: substance abuse, health, gang intervention, education

**nearby**

address, city, or zipcode

Search

## Partners and Local Resources



## SJPD Gang 101



## Important Links and Resources

[Basic Information on Gangs](#)

[Gang Hot Spots in San Jose](#)

[SJPD Gang Prevention Resources](#)

[District Attorney Information on Gang Intervention and Prevention](#)

[National Forum on Youth Violence](#)

[Safe Summer Initiative](#)

[Grant Opportunities from City of San Jose for programs assisting high-risk and gang-impacted youth](#)

[Important Phone Numbers](#)





## Basic Information on Gangs

### What is a Gang?

On-going group of three or more members

Common identifying sign or symbol  
The group's chief or primary occupation is the commission of certain serious and violent felonies

The group members have a pattern of committing serious and violent criminal activity

### Why do Children Join Gangs?

Respect and status  
Sense of belonging  
Peer pressure  
Low self-esteem  
Boredom  
Latest trends (clothing, music etc.)  
Media  
Reaction to external racism  
Reaction to internal racism  
Environment  
Family Tradition  
Neighborhood  
Association  
Protection

### Consequences of Gang Membership

Instant enemy to rival gangs  
Drug and alcohol abuse  
Drug dealing  
School failure  
Unemployment  
Incarceration  
Probation/Parole  
Home is marked by other gang members  
Family members victimized by rival gangs  
Serious injury and/or lifetime disability  
Death

### What Schools and Families can do to Prevent Gang Membership

Know where your child is after school or in the evening  
Ask questions about school and friends  
Know your child's friends  
Visit the homes of your child's friends parents  
Be active in your child's education  
Visit your child's school  
Meet on a regular basis with your child's teacher/counselor  
Establish a curfew for your child  
Be aware of gang clothing, tattoos or other paraphernalia  
Listen to your child  
Seek help from intervention services

### Warning Signs

Graffiti (drawing names and symbols).  
Gang names, logos, & nicknames written on personal property.  
Withdrawal from family/normal activities.  
New friends that parents don't know.  
Staying out late at night.  
Secretive activities.  
Sudden changes in behavior and personality.  
Unexplained injuries, body markings, and tattoos.  
Unexplained gifts of money, expensive items or jewelry.  
Possession of weapons.  
Use of hand signs and/or body gestures when communicating with friends.  
Expressing a preference for one color or avoiding others.  
Skipping school/work.  
Multiple suspensions/expulsion.  
Shows strong disrespect for authority.  
Alcohol or drug use.  
Mentions the need for protection/weapons.  
Hanging out in known gang neighborhoods or areas of high crime.  
Using slang that is considered derogatory towards other gangs (i.e. scrap, chapete, buster, slob, crab)

### What can I do if my child joins a gang?

Immediately seek help from your child's school guidance counselor or police officer  
Set up a home visit with an intervention service provider  
Contact the district attorney's community prosecution unit or your local police agency  
Talk to your child about the consequences of a "Gangster lifestyle"  
Encourage your child to succeed in school or after-school activities

## Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force Resource Database

find programs for

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near

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Search

Services found for *gang prevention* near *San Jose*

### Alum Rock Counseling Center

383 Rhode Island Street, San Francisco, 94118 and 3 other locations  
123-456-789

Referrals for truancy reduction services; therapeutic individual counseling and case management; Botvin Life Skills group curriculum; parent workshops; group mentoring; enrichment activities/field trips; and referrals to outside agencies

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### Programs available

2nd Street Drop In Center (16 to 24 yrs)  
Youth Shelter (11 to 17 yrs)  
Transition Age Youth Crisis Residential (TAY Inn) (18 to 25 yrs)

### Phone

123-456-789

### Email Contact

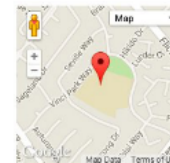
abc@info.com

### Addresses

383 Rhode Island Street, San Francisco, 94103 (Head Office\*)

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### Website

www.alumrockcc.org

### Target population

Serves Under 18 & 18 and Over

The program is currently available to students in grades 2-6. Expansion to include junior high is anticipated for 2015. Children must be enrolled at Santee Elementary School, Jeanne R. Meadows Elementary School or Success Academy. However, exceptions could be made for children attending charter schools in the area with special permission.

### Service dates

Summer, After School, Weekend

### Fee

Services are at no cost for youth up to 18 years old. Uninsured adults who are over 18 years old and not eligible for health coverage, can qualify for our sliding fee scale discount rate.

### Related to

Personal Development and Mentorship, Mental Health, Housing, Services for Incarcerated Youth / Re-entry, Homelessness, Housing, Substance Abuse

\* Does not provide services at this location



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